

Physical Conditions

Physical conditions in confined spaces can create these hazards:

▶ Temperature

Heat can increase quickly in a confined space and cause exhaustion or heatstroke.

▶ Noise

Noise may reverberate and cause hearing damage, or high noise levels may keep you from hearing important warnings or instructions.

▶ Pipes and Valves

Shut off, lock out, blank or disconnect lines, and tag pipes and valves because entering gases or liquids can cause injury.

▶ Awkward positions

Working on platforms, sloping floors or on ladders can lead to entrapment, falls, strains or sprains.

▶ Electrical equipment

Live wires and the equipment itself can be dangerous.